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SUBJECT:JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE VENEZUELA

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1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED TEXT OF JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE.  
PRIMARY CHANGES CONCERN PARAGRAPH REORDERING, ALTHOUGH  
THERE ARE TEXTUAL CHANGES IN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS 3, 6, 12, 2  
AND 17 OF THIS CABLE. COMPLETE REVISED TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND MRS. JIMMY CARTER VISITED CARACAS MARCH 28-29, 1978,  
AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. THE  
PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE AND MRS. CYRUS VANCE, DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI,  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
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TERENCE A. TODMAN, AND DIRECTOR OF POLICY PLANNING FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE W. ANTHONY LAKE. PRESIDENT PEREZ WAS  
ASSISTED IN THE DISCUSSIONS BY FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI  
AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VENEZUELAN CABINET AND GOVERNMENT.

3. THE VISIT REFLECTED THE CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATION-  
SHIP BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES AND CONTINUED

THE USEFUL DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE ON A

WIDE RANGE OF BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ISSUES.

4. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY AND REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL SOCIETIES AS WELL AS THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CHARTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SOON ENTER INTO FORCE. EMPHASIZING THEIR GOVERNMENTS' INTEREST IN INCREASING BOTH THE AUTONOMY AND RESOURCES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE COMMISSION HAS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE HEMISPHERE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER WAYS TO FURTHER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PROTECTION AND RESETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL REFUGEES.

5. THE PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE OF THE TREATY CONCERNING THE PERMANENT NEUTRALITY AND OPERATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BOTH THIS TREATY AND THE BASIC PANAMA CANAL TREATY MIGHT SOON BE RATIFIED AND PUT INTO EFFECT. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE TREATIES IN A SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECT WILL SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WHICH SHOULD FAVORABLY INFLUENCE RELATIONS AMONG ALL NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE.

6. ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL MATTERS THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED THE STATE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY AS AFFECTED BY THE AVAILABILITY AND PRICE OF PETROLEUM AND AGREED TO WORK TOWARD THE EXPANSION OF TRADE BY NEGOTIATIONS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF ALL COUNTRIES. THEY DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT CONTAINING PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES AND THE TREATMENT OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

7. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, IN THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES OR IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA. THEY RECOGNIZED THE CO-RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH IN RESOLVING THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND OTHER PROBLEMS CONFRONTING MANKIND. THEY AGREED THAT THE IMPORTANT ROLE BEING PLAYED BY

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY THE  
WORLD BANK AND THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, SHOULD  
BE SUPPORTED AND THAT GREATER EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS.

8. THE PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF  
AFRICA AND EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE THAT THE STATES DIRECTLY  
CONCERNED SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY. THEY CON-  
DEMNED THE PRESENCE OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL MILITARY FORCES  
AND CALLED UPON CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION TO WITHDRAW  
THEIR COMBAT FORCES FROM AFRICA. THEY ALSO REVIEWED THE  
EVOLVING SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONDEMNED  
APARTHEID AS A BASIC DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY EXPRES-  
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SED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT  
ZIMBABWE UNDER A FORMULA WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS  
OF ALL THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE. FURTHER, THEY AGREED THAT IT  
IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PEACE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT NAMIBIA  
GAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE THROUGH A PROCESS WHICH FULLY GUAR-  
ANTEES THE RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
NAMIBIAN PEOPLE, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
RESOLUTION 385.

9. PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ DISCUSSED CONTINU-  
ING EFFORTS TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. THEY  
DEPLORED THE VIOLENCE WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN THE LAST MONTH  
AND AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST  
AND PERMANENT SETTLEMENT BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLU-  
TIONS 242 AND 338, INCLUDING A JUST SOLUTION OF THE PALES-  
TINIAN PROBLEM.

10. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRACTICE OF ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL  
PAYMENTS AND CALLED ON ALL STATES TO SUPPORT THE ECOSOC-  
SPONSORED CONVENTION ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

11. THEY NOTED THEIR MEETING COINCIDED WITH THE OPENING OF  
THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE  
ON LAW OF THE SEA, WHICH HELD ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEET-  
ING IN CARACAS FOUR YEARS AGO, AND AGREED THAT PARTICIPANTS  
MUST RESOLVE REMAINING DIFFERENCES SOON IN A WAY THAT RE-  
FLECTS THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES OR RISK  
LOSING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR INTRODUCING ORDER IN THE MANAGE-  
MENT AND UTILIZATION OF THE WORLD'S OCEANS.

12. ON REGIONAL MATTERS THE TWO LEADERS AGREED TO CONTINUE  
TO WORK WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO FURTHER THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN.  
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THEY PRAISED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE WORLD BANK IN ORGANIZING OTHER INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL STATES IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ASSIST CARIBBEAN STATES TO ACHIEVE GREATER ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

13. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. THEY LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE ANDEAN COMMON MARKET, THE LATIN AMERICAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION AND THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO BRING INTO BEING COMMON INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS WHICH BENEFIT THE MEMBERS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.

14. CONCERNING NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION, THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THE NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF GREATER SAFEGUARDS AND THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THEY PLACED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF TLAQUELOTECO WHICH ESTABLISHES A NUCLEAR FREE WEAPONS ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA.

15. THEY DISCUSSED CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT AND AGREED ON THE NEED TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO RESTRAIN CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS SUCH AS WAS ENVISAGED IN THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO OF 1974.

16. THEY REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR THE PEACEKEEPING EFFORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES.

17. AS TO BILATERAL CONCERNS, THEY CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD AND DISCUSSED THE USEFUL RESULTS OF THE MEETING HELD EARLIER IN THE MONTH BETWEEN MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES HERNANDEZ AND SECRETARY OF ENERGY SCHLESINGER. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY MATTERS. THEY NOTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION PROGRESS IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION, EX-

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PRESSING THEIR HOPE THAT THE EVALUATION WILL REDUCE THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE HELPING THE WORLD TO MEET GROWING ENERGY NEEDS.

18. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE SIGNING DURING THE VISIT OF A TREATY ESTABLISHING THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND AN AGREEMENT ON NARCOTICS

COOPERATION. THE TREATY AND AGREEMENT ARE EXAMPLES OF THE COOPERATIVE SPIRIT THAT MARKS THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES.

19. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PRESIDENT CARTER NOTED THAT THIS STATE VISIT, THE THIRD MEETING BETWEEN THEM WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, DEMONSTRATED THE INTENTION OF THE LEADERS TO CONTINUE TO CONSULT ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THEIR TWO NATIONS.

20. THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE EXPRESSED THEIR COMPLETE PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS.  
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